

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 04632.0073

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Yusuke Kato et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1793  
Application No.: 10/590,354 ) Examiner: John A. Hevey  
Filed: August 23, 2006 )  
For: Process for Producing Cast Item ) Confirmation No.: 8168

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 16, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.